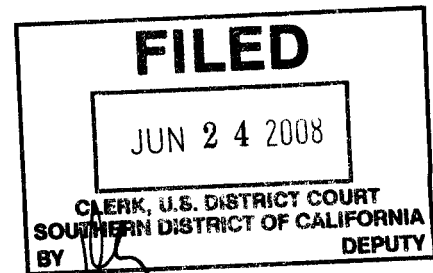


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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

08CR2098-JAH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAFAEL SANTIAGO-VASQUEZ (2),

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ1794

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT  
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF  
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND  
ORDER THEREON**

**(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)**

**IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and W. Mark Conover, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant RAFAEL SANTIAGO-VASQUEZ, by and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Hanni Fakhoury, that:

1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(i) and (v)(II).

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1           2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4           3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before July 10, 2008.

6           4. The material witnesses, Adolfo Talamantes-Rocha, Benigno Cuautle-Lazaro, and  
7 Servando Baez-Cuautle, in this case:

8               a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9               b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about  
10 June 8, 2008;

11              c. Were found in rural terrain near the international border with Mexico and  
12 were being guided by defendant, and defendant knew of the fact that they were aliens with no lawful  
13 right to enter or remain in the United States;

14              d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$1,500-\$1,700 to others to  
15 be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein;  
16 and,

17              e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19           5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,  
22 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

23               a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
24 substantive evidence;

25               b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
26 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony  
27 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest

1 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

2 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),  
 3 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
 4 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant  
 5 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

6 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
 7 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
 8 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
 9 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

10 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
 11 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
 12 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

13 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 KAREN P. HEWITT  
 16 United States Attorney

17 Dated: 24 June 08.

18 W. MARK CONOVER  
 19 Assistant United States Attorney

20 Dated: 6/19/08.

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 22 HANNI FAKHOURY KAREN STEVENS  
 23 Defense Counsel for Rafael Santiago-Vasquez

24 Dated: 6/19/08.

25 Rafael Santiago-Vasquez  
 26 RAFAEL SANTIAGO-VASQUEZ  
 27 Defendant

**ORDER**

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

**THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 6/24/2008

  
United States Magistrate Judge